



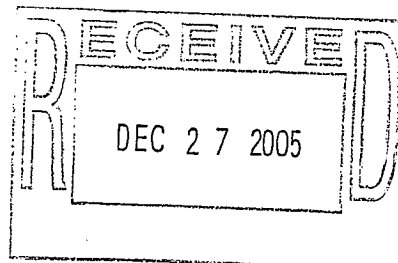
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December 21, 2005

Mehdi Morshed
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Dear Mr. Morshed, *Mehdi*

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Notice of Preparation, received by the San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors and the San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors on November 28, 2005. This response also is on behalf of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board of Directors, a three-agency JPA comprising San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, which oversees Caltrain. The San Mateo County Transit District is the managing partner of Caltrain and I am writing to you in my capacity as Executive Director of Caltrain and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority and General Manager/CEO of the San Mateo County Transit District.

In a related matter, this is to notify you that the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board at its December 8, 2005, meeting unanimously voted to endorse the Guiding Principles of the Silicon Valley High-Speed Rail Coalition. The JPB already is on record supporting the use of the Caltrain right of way for the California High-Speed Rail system. The resolution of endorsement, which is attached, includes support for the selection of the Pacheco Pass alignment as the corridor through which the proposed California High-Speed Rail service would enter the Bay Area and the joining of the Coalition by the JPB.

The resolution further contains important and noteworthy additional language indicating that support for the Coalition's guiding principles and the JPB's membership in the Coalition are conditioned upon adherence to an additional principle that design, construction and operation of the California High-Speed Rail service will be "fully consistent with the goals and operational requirements associated with Caltrain and with the values of the cities on the Peninsula through which the system will be constructed and operated."

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or wish to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,

Mike
Michael J. Scanlon
Executive Director – JPB & SMCTA
General Manager/CEO – SamTrans

Enclosure

Cc: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
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RESOLUTION NO. 2005- 54

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, JPB

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**ADOPTING GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF SILICON VALLEY HIGH SPEED RAIL
COALITION**

WHEREAS, the California High-Speed Rail Authority ("HSRA") is continuing to evaluate a proposed high-speed rail system that will link Northern and Southern California; and

WHEREAS, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board ("JPB") has been on record since 1996 in support of high-speed rail development; and

WHEREAS, more particularly, pursuant to Resolution Numbers 1996-35, 1999-48 and 2003-24, the JPB officially has memorialized its endorsement of the principle of high-speed rail serving the Peninsula Corridor; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the JPB and HSRA have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding which sets forth a framework for cooperation between the two agencies for development of a high-speed rail system in a manner that will utilize the JPB's right-of-way on a shared corridor basis; and

WHEREAS, the Silicon Valley High-Speed Rail Coalition "(Coalition)" also supports the construction of a high-speed rail line that connects Northern and Southern California as a means of relieving highway and air traffic congestion between the San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition endorses the principle that the high-speed rail line should enter the San Francisco Bay Area from the Central Valley through a Pacheco Pass alignment for

various reasons, including that this alignment will utilize an existing transportation corridor rather than creating a new one, and will enable maximum service to this region's three largest cities, San Jose, San Francisco, and Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition has requested the JPB to endorse its Guiding Principles as more particularly enunciated on Attachment A-1 to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, following due deliberations and predicated upon policies previously adopted by the JPB in support of high speed rail in general and utilization of the existing Caltrain in particular, the JPB finds it to be both appropriate and timely to endorse the Coalition's Guiding Principles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the JPB hereby endorses the Guiding Principles of the Silicon Valley High-Speed Rail Coalition and authorizes joining the Coalition in support of the aforementioned Guiding Principles, subject to and conditioned upon adherence to the principle that the high-speed rail system is designed, constructed and operated to be fully consistent with the goals and operational requirements associated with Caltrain and with the values of the cities on the Peninsula through which the system will be constructed and operated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director is requested to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the California High-Speed Rail Authority and the Silicon Valley High-Speed Rail Coalition.

Regularly passed and adopted this 8th day of December 2005 by the following vote:

AYES: Cisneros, Gage, Hartnett, Lloyd, McLemore,
Sunshine, Yeager, Nevin

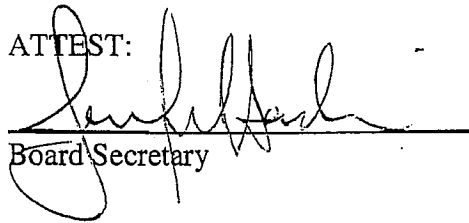
NOES: None

ABSENT: Maxwell



Chair, JPB

ATTEST:


Board Secretary